AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

1. (Withdrawn) A compound of formula (I):

$$R^{8}CFX \longrightarrow S(O)_{n} \qquad \qquad R^{1}$$

$$R^{5}-S(O)_{m}-A \qquad \qquad R^{2} \qquad \qquad W$$

$$R^{3}$$

$$R^{3}$$

$$R^{4}$$

$$R^{5}-S(O)_{m}$$

wherein:

R1 is CSNH2:

W is C-halogen or N;

R2 is hydrogen or Cl;

R3 is CF3, OCF3 or SF5;

 R^4 is hydrogen, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl, (C_2-C_6) -haloalkenyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkynyl, (C_2-C_6) -haloalkynyl, (C_3-C_6) -cycloalkyl, (C_3-C_6) -cycloalkyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkenyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkenyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkenyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkenyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkenyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkynyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkyl (C_3-C_6) -alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C_1-C_3) -alkoxy and (C_1-C_3) -alkylthio; or (C_1-C_6) -alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy, (C_1-C_6) -haloalkoxy, (C_3-C_7) -cycloalkyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkoxy, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl;

A is (C₁-C₆)-alkylene or (C₁-C₆)-haloalkylene;

 R^5 is (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl, (C_2-C_6) -haloalkenyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkynyl, (C_3-C_6) -cycloalkyl or — $(CH_2)_qR^7$; or (C_1-C_6) -alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy, (C_1-C_6) -haloalkoxy, (C_3-C_7) -cycloalkyl, $S(O)_pR^8$ and CO_2 — (C_1-C_6) -alkyl;

X is F or Cl:

R6 is F, Cl or Br;

R⁷ is phenyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkoxy, CN, NO₂, S(O)₃R⁸, CO₂—(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, COR⁸, NR¹²R¹³ and OH;

R8 is (C1-C6)-alkyl or (C1-C6)-haloalkyl;

 R^9 is a heteroaromatic radical having 5 or 6 ring atoms and 1, 2 or 3 hetero atoms in the ring selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_1-C_4) -haloalkyl, (C_1-C_4) -haloalkoxy, (C_1-C_4) -haloalkoxy, (C

 R^{10} and R^{11} are each independently H or R^5 ;

or the radical NR¹⁰R¹¹ forms a five- to seven-membered saturated ring which optionally contains an additional hetero atom in the ring which is selected from O, S and N, the ring being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl and CO₂—(C₁-C₆)-alkyl;

R¹² and R¹³ are each independently H or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl;

m, n and p are each independently zero, one or two; and

q is zero or one;

or a pesticidally acceptable salt thereof.

- 2. (Withdrawn) A compound or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 1 wherein \mathbb{R}^6 and X are both \mathbb{R} .
 - 3. (Withdrawn) A compound or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 1 wherein

R1 is CSNH2;

W is C-Cl:

R2 is C1:

R3 is CF3 or OCF3;

 $R^4 \text{ is } (C_2\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkenyl, } (C_2\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkynyl, } (C_3\text{-}C_7)\text{-cycloalkyl, } CO_2\text{---}(C_1\text{-}C_3)\text{-alkyl, } CO_2\text{---}(C_3\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkenyl, } CO_2\text{---}(C_3\text{-}C_4)\text{-alkynyl or } \text{---}CO_2\text{---}(CH_2)_q\text{---}R^7; \text{ or } (C_1\text{-}C_3)\text{-alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, } (C_1\text{-}C_3)\text{-alkoxy, } (C_1\text{-}C_3)\text{-haloalkoxy, } (C_3\text{--}C_7)\text{-cycloalkyl, } S(O)_pR^8 \text{ and } CO_2\text{---}(C_1\text{-}C_3)\text{-alkyl; }$

A is (C1-C4)-alkylene or (C1-C4)-haloalkylene;

$$\begin{split} R^5 & is (C_3 - C_6) - \text{cycloalkyl or} - (CH_2)_q R^7; \text{ or } (C_1 - C_3) - \text{alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, <math>(C_1 - C_3) - \text{alkoxy}, (C_1 - C_3) - \text{haloalkoxy}, (C_3 - C_6) - \text{cycloalkyl}, S(O)_p R^8 \text{ and } CO_2 - (C_1 - C_3) - \text{alkyl}; \end{split}$$

X is F or Cl:

R6 is F or Cl:

 R^7 is phenyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C_1-C_3) -alkyl, (C_1-C_3) -haloalkyl, (C_1-C_3) -alkoxy, (C_1-C_3) -haloalkoxy, (C_1-C_3) -haloalk

R8 is (C1-C3)-alkyl or (C11-C3)-haloalkyl;

R12 and R13 are each independently H or (C1-C3)-alkyl;

m, n and p are each independently zero, one or two; and

q is zero or one.

4. (Withdrawn) A compound or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 1 wherein

R1 is CSNH2;

W is C-Cl;

R2 is C1:

R3 is CF3 or OCF3;

R⁴ is CO₂—(C₁-C₃)-alkyl, CO₂—(C₃-C₄)-alkenyl, CO₂—(C₃-C₄)-alkynyl or

A is (C1-C4)-alkylene;

 R^5 is (C_3-C_6) -cycloalkyl or — $(CH_2)_qR^7$; or (C_1-C_3) -alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C_1-C_3) -alkoxy, (C_1-C_3) -haloalkoxy, (C_3-C_6) -cycloalkyl, $S(O)_bR^8$ and CO_2 — (C_1-C_3) -alkyl;

X is F or Cl;

R6 is F or Cl:

 R^7 is phenyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C_1-C_3) -alkyl, (C_1-C_3) -haloalkyl, (C_1-C_3) -alkoxy, (C_1-C_3) -haloalkoxy, (C_1-C_3) -haloalk

R⁸ is (C₁-C₃)-alkyl or (C₁-C₃)-haloalkyl;

m, n and p are each independently zero, one or two; and

q is zero or one.

- (Withdrawn) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) or a salt thereof as defined in claim 1, which process comprises:
- a) when R^1 is CSNH₂, and R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , W, A, X, m and n are as defined in claim 1, reacting a compound of formula (II):

wherein R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , W, A, X, m and n are as defined in formula (I), with an alkali or alkaline earth metal hydrosulfide; or

- b) when R¹ is CSNH₂, and R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, W, A, X, m and n are as defined in claim 1, reacting a compound of formula (II) as defined above with a bis(trialkylsilyl)sulfide, in the presence of a base; and
- (c) if desired, converting a resulting compound of formula (I) into a pesticidally acceptable salt thereof.
- 6. (Withdrawn) A pesticidal composition comprising a pesticidally effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pesticidally acceptable salt thereof as defined claim 1, in association with a pesticidally acceptable diluent or carrier and/or surface active agent.

7-8. (Cancelled).

(Currently amended) A method for controlling pests at a locus which comprises
applying to said locus a pesticidally effective amount of a compound of formula (I)

$$R^6CFX$$
— $S(O)_m$ — R^1

$$R^4$$

$$R^5-S(O)_m$$
— R^2

$$R^3$$

wherein:

R1 is CSNH2;

W is C-halogen or N;

R² is hydrogen or Cl;

R³ is CF₃, OCF₃ or SF₅;

R⁴ is (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-haloalkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, (C₂-C₆)-haloalkynyl, (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, CO₂—(C₃-C₆)-alkenyl, CO₂—(C₃-C₆)-alkynyl, —
CO₂—(CH₂)₃—R⁷, —CH₂R⁹, OR⁷, OR⁸, COCO₂R¹⁰ or COCONR¹⁰R¹¹; or CO₂—(C₁C₃)-alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting
of halogen, (C₁-C₃)-alkoxy and (C₁-C₃)-alkylthio; or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl unsubstituted or substituted
by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₆)haloalkoxy, (C₁-C₇)-cycloalkyl, S(O)_nR⁸ and CO₂—(C₁-C₆)-alkyl;

A is (C2-C6)-alkylene or (C2-C6)-haloalkylene;

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 $\frac{R^5 \text{ is } (C_2-C_6)\text{-alkenyl, } (C_2-C_6)\text{-haloalkenyl, } (C_2-C_6)\text{-alkynyl, } (C_3-C_6)\text{-cycloalkyl or } \cdots (CH_2)_0R^7;}{\text{or } (C_1-C_6)\text{-alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, } (C_1-C_6)\text{-alkoxy, } (C_1-C_6)\text{-haloalkoxy, } (C_3-C_7)\text{-cycloalkyl, } S(O)_pR^8 \text{ and } CO_2-(C_1-C_6)\text{-alkyl; }}$

X is F or Cl;

R6 is F, Cl or Br;

R⁷ is phenyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkoxy, CN, NO₂, S(O)₂R⁸, CO₂—(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, COR⁸, NR¹²R¹³ and OH;

R8 is (C1-C6)-alkyl or (C1-C6)-haloalkyl;

R⁹ is a heteroaromatic radical having 5 or 6 ring atoms and 1, 2 or 3 hetero atoms in the ring selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkoxy, NO₂, CN, CO₂(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, S(O)_nR⁸ and OH;

R10 and R11 are each independently H or R5;

or the radical NR¹⁰R¹¹ forms a five- to seven-membered saturated ring which optionally contains an additional hetero atom in the ring which is selected from O, S and N, the ring being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl and CO₂—(C₁-C₆)-alkyl;

R¹² and R¹³ are each independently H or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl;

m, n and p are each independently zero, one or two; and

q is zero or one;

or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 1.

(Currently amended) A method for controlling pests at a locus which comprises
applying to said locus a pesticidally effective amount of a composition as claimed in claim 6
comprising a pesticidally effective amount of a compound of formula (I)

$$R^{8}CFX \longrightarrow S(O)_{m} \longrightarrow R^{1}$$

$$R^{4} \longrightarrow N$$

$$R^{5}-S(O)_{m} \longrightarrow A$$

$$R^{2} \longrightarrow N$$

$$R^{3}$$

$$R^{5}$$

wherein:

R1 is CSNH2:

W is C-halogen or N:

R2 is hydrogen or Cl;

R3 is CF3, OCF3 or SF5;

 R^4 is (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl, (C_2-C_6) -haloalkenyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkynyl, (C_2-C_6) -haloalkynyl, (C_3-C_7) -cycloalkyl, (C_3-C_6) -alkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkynyl, — (C_2-C_6) -alkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C_1-C_3) -alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkovy, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl;

A is (C2-C6)-alkylene or (C2-C6)-haloalkylene;

 $\frac{R^5 \text{ is } (C_2-C_6)-\text{alkenyl, } (C_2-C_6)-\text{haloalkenyl, } (C_2-C_6)-\text{alkynyl, } (C_3-C_6)-\text{cycloalkyl or } \longrightarrow (CH_2)_0R^7; \\ \text{or } (C_1-C_6)-\text{alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group } \\ \text{consisting of halogen, } (C_1-C_6)-\text{alkoxy, } (C_1-C_6)-\text{haloalkoxy, } (C_3-C_7)-\text{cycloalkyl, } S(O)_0R^8 \text{ and } \\ \text{CO}_2\longrightarrow (C_1-C_6)-\text{alkyl; } \\ \text{consisting of halogen, } (C_1-C_6)-\text{alkoxy, } (C_3-C_7)-\text{cycloalkyl, } S(O)_0R^8 \text{ and } \\ \text{consisting of halogen, } (C_1-C_8)-\text{alkyl; } \\ \text{consisting of halogen, } \\ \text{consisting of halogen, } (C_1-C_8)-\text{alkyl; } \\ \text{consisting of halogen, } (C_1-C_8)-\text{alkyl; } \\ \text{consisting of halogen, }$

X is F or Cl;

R6 is F, Cl or Br:

R⁷ is phenyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkoxy, CN, NO₂, S(O)₃R⁸, CO₂—(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, COR⁸, NR¹²R¹³ and OH;

 R^8 is (C_1-C_6) -alkyl or (C_1-C_6) -haloalkyl;

 R^9 is a heteroaromatic radical having 5 or 6 ring atoms and 1, 2 or 3 hetero atoms in the ring selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_1-C_4) -haloalkyl, (C_1-C_4) -haloalkoxy, (C_1-C_4) -haloalkoxy, (C

R10 and R11 are each independently H or R5;

or the radical NR ¹⁰R ¹¹ forms a five- to seven-membered saturated ring which optionally contains an additional hetero atom in the ring which is selected from O, S and N, the ring being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl and CO₂—(C₁-C₆)-alkyl;

R¹² and R¹³ are each independently H or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl;

m, n and p are each independently zero, one or two; and

q is zero or one;

or a pesticidally acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pesticidally acceptable diluent or carrier and/or surface active agent.

- 11. (Withdrawn) A veterinary medicament comprising a pesticidally effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 1, in association with a veterinarily acceptable diluent or carrier and/or surfact active agent.
- (Currently amended) A method for the control of pests in or on an animal which
 comprises administering to said animal a pesticidally effective amount of a compound of
 formula (I)

$$R^{6}CFX \longrightarrow S(O)_{m}$$

$$R^{4}$$

$$R^{5}-S(O)_{m}-A$$

$$R^{2}$$

$$R^{3}$$

$$R^{5}$$

$$R^{5}$$

$$R^{5}$$

$$R^{5}$$

$$R^{5}$$

$$R^{5}$$

$$R^{5}$$

$$R^{5}$$

$$R^{5}$$

wherein:

R1 is CSNH2:

W is C-halogen or N;

R2 is hydrogen or Cl;

R3 is CF3, OCF3 or SF5;

R⁴ is (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-haloalkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, (C₂-C₆)-haloalkynyl, (C₃-C₇)evcloalkyl, (C₃-C₇)-evcloalkyl-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, CO₂—(C₃-C₆)-alkenyl, CO₂—(C₃-C₆)-alkynyl, —
CO₂—(CH₂)_q—R⁷, —CH₂R⁷, —CH₂R⁹, OR⁷, OR⁸, COCO₂R¹⁰ or COCONR¹⁰R¹¹; or CO₂—(C₁C₃)-alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting
of halogen, (C₁-C₃)-alkoxy and (C₁-C₃)-alkylthio; or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl unsubstituted or substituted
by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₆)haloalkoxy, (C₁-C₇)-cycloalkyl, S(O)_nR⁸ and CO₂—(C₁-C₆)-alkyl;

A is (C2-C6)-alkylene or (C2-C6)-haloalkylene;

R⁵ is (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-haloalkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl or —(CH₂)_RP⁷; or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkoxy, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl, S(O)_RR⁸ and CO₂—(C₁-C₆)-alkyl;

X is F or Cl;

R6 is F, Cl or Br;

R⁷ is phenyl unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkoxy, CN, NO₂, S(O)₃R⁸, CO₂—(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, COR⁸, NR ¹²R ¹³ and OH;

 R^8 is (C_1-C_6) -alkyl or (C_1-C_6) -haloalkyl;

R⁹ is a heteroaromatic radical having 5 or 6 ring atoms and 1, 2 or 3 hetero atoms in the ring selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, S(O)_R⁸ and OH;

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are each independently H or R⁵;

or the radical NR ¹⁰R ¹¹ forms a five- to seven-membered saturated ring which optionally contains an additional hetero atom in the ring which is selected from O, S and N, the ring being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl and CO₂—(C₁-C₆)-alkyl;

 R^{12} and R^{13} are each independently H or (C_1 - C_6)-alkyl;

m, n and p are each independently zero, one or two; and

q is zero or one;

or a salt thereof as claimed in claim 1.

- 13. (Cancelled).
- 14. (Withdrawn) A compound or salt thereof as claimed in claim 3 wherein R^6 and X are both F.
- 15. (Withdrawn) A compound or salt thereof as claimed in claim 4 wherein R^6 and X are both F.
- 16. (Withdrawn) A compound or salt thereof as claimed in claim 1 wherein R^1 is $CSNH_2$, W is $C-C^1$, R^2 is C^1 , R^3 is CF_3 and R^4 is CH_3 .
 - 17. (Withdrawn) The compound or salt thereof as claimed in claim 16, wherein:
 - (a) A is CH2CH2, R5S(O)m is CH3S and R6CFX—S(O)n is CF3S;
 - (b) A is CH₂CH₂, R⁵S(O)_m is CH₃SO and R⁶CFX—S(O)_n is CF₃S;
 - (c) A is CH₂CH₂, R⁵S(O)_m is CH₃SO₂ and R⁶CFX—S(O)_n is CF₃S;
 - (d) A is CH₂CH₂, R⁵S(O)_m is CH₃S and R⁶CFX—S(O)_n is CF₃SO;
 - (e) A is CH₂CH₂, R⁵S(O)_m is CH₃SO and R⁶CFX—S(O)_n is CF₃SO;
 - (f) A is CH₂CH₂, R⁵S(O)_m is CH₃SO₂ and R⁶CFX—S(O)_n is CF₃SO;
 - (g) A is CH_2CH_2 , $R^5S(O)_m$ is CH_3S and R^6CFX — $S(O)_n$ is CF_3SO_2 ;
 - (h) A is CH2CH2, R5S(O)m is CH3SO and R6CFX—S(O)n is CF3SO2; or
 - (i) A is CH₂CH₂, R⁵S(O)_m is CH₃SO₂ and R⁶CFX—S(O)_n is CF₃SO₂.
- $18. \qquad \text{(New) The method according to claim 10 wherein the composition contains from about 0.0001ppm to about 20ppm of compound of formula (I).} \\$

- (New) The method according to claim 18 wherein the composition contains from about 0.001ppm to about 5ppm of compound of formula (I).
 - 20. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the pests are fleas and ticks.
- 21. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the animal is a domestic companion animal such as a dog or a cat.